GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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BLUE PRINT PLAN FOR HUNGER FREE INDIA
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have laid down a blue-print of a plan for securing a hunger free India by 2007; and

(b) if so, the broad features and targets contemplated there under, year-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SU MAHARIA)

(a)&(b): Action has been in hand to ensure food security for all and to reform and improve the Public Distribution System for the benefit of the Poorest of the Poor in rural and urban areas. Towards this end, amongst other measures, the Antyodaya Anna Yojana was commenced in December, 2000 to provide 25 kg. of foodgrains per family per month at highly subsidized rates of Rs. 2/- per kg. for wheat and Rs. 3/- per kg. for rice to the beneficiaries identified by the State Government/UTs. The scale of issue to these beneficiaries has been enhanced to 35 kg. per family per month with effect from April, 2002. The Yojana which initially covered 1 crore Poorest of the Poor families is now being extended to cover another 50 lakh families.